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A  
KEY TO THE PSALMS,

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AN EASY, CONCISE, AND FAMILIAR EXPLANATION

OF

WORDS, ALLUSIONS, AND SENTENCES

I N T H E M,

SELECTED FROM SUBSTANTIAL AUTHORITIES,

TENDING TO PROMOTE EXPEDITIOUSLY

THE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEM AMONG THE  
IGNORANT IN GENERAL,

AND FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE

LOWER CLASS OF PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR.

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To the C L E R G Y,

*Gentlemen and Brethren,*

**T**HAT I may not detain you long from your literary amusements, still less from your more important investigations after Truth, by a tedious and impertinent circumlocution, or betray a selfish inclination to prejudice your minds, thro' an *insidious* Preface, in favour of a small work, which I have done myself the honour (yet in the very "spirit of meekness") of submitting to your perusal and censures, it becomes me to be concise in explaining the motives which have induced and encouraged me to offer my "mite" of contribution, for the information of the *common* people, and soliciting, in their behalf, your attention to, and acceptance of it.

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The first and immediate motive by which I was influenced, was a sincere desire of executing some inferior, and minute part of that comprehensive duty, which, "tho' less than the least of useful men," it ought to be my private care, as it is my earnest wish, to discharge.

My motive for dedicating this Key to the Psalms to You, is because the common people are, almost without exception, totally ignorant of them.

Because, I am well convinced, that the Parochial Clergy in general (I am tempted to say *resident Curates* in particular) will be ever happy to explain *to him that asketh*, any and such passages at least in the Psalms, which being above a common understanding, perplex, of course, their unlettered parishioners.

Because, (in a word) I sincerely believe my Brethren will seize and adopt, with an animated and disinterested avidity, any instrument which may appear formed, and calculated for the expediting



expediting useful knowledge, and the improving, in a degree, the success of our common cause.

As the book itself will explain and instance my particular meaning and aim, permit me simply to say, that tho' it be contrary to my intention, as it is infinitely above my abilities, to attempt a critical illustration, or conjectural exposition of the Psalms; yet, that I have endeavoured to explain, *vulgarly and familiarly*, what appears at first, unintelligible in itself; and, above all, to give to the *lowest* comprehension *some* idea of the matter (whatever it be) in question:—Where I suspect a wrong idea may be entertained, I have annexed one nearly proper, advancing, in assistance, a word somewhat synonymous:—I have more particularly endeavoured to arrest the attention, (which may perchance have wandered over a pregnant word or particular sentence) to its formal meaning and pointed allusion.

For instance, “ according to the *cleanness* of my hands hast thou recompensed

penfed me :” Here cleanness has a particular force and allusion; I have accordingly noticed it, &c. progressively thro’ the Pfalms.

Will this plan, even if carefully executed, be of immediate use? I submit myself candidly, and with humility, to the censures of my Brethren, and will not presume to answer it with my own opinion, unfashioned and unprotected.

Should, however, your decisions coincide with those of my friends, and this little work be thought worthy your patronage, it will be my determination (under favour of certain circumstances) so to print this book, and reduce it to such a price, that the public in general, and the lower people in particular, may, at the vilest expence, be amply and liberally accommodated.

Should I not be so happy as to be favoured with your approbation, nor be thought entitled to some small notice, I shall only add, that the liberal intention which animated me thro’ this drudgery,

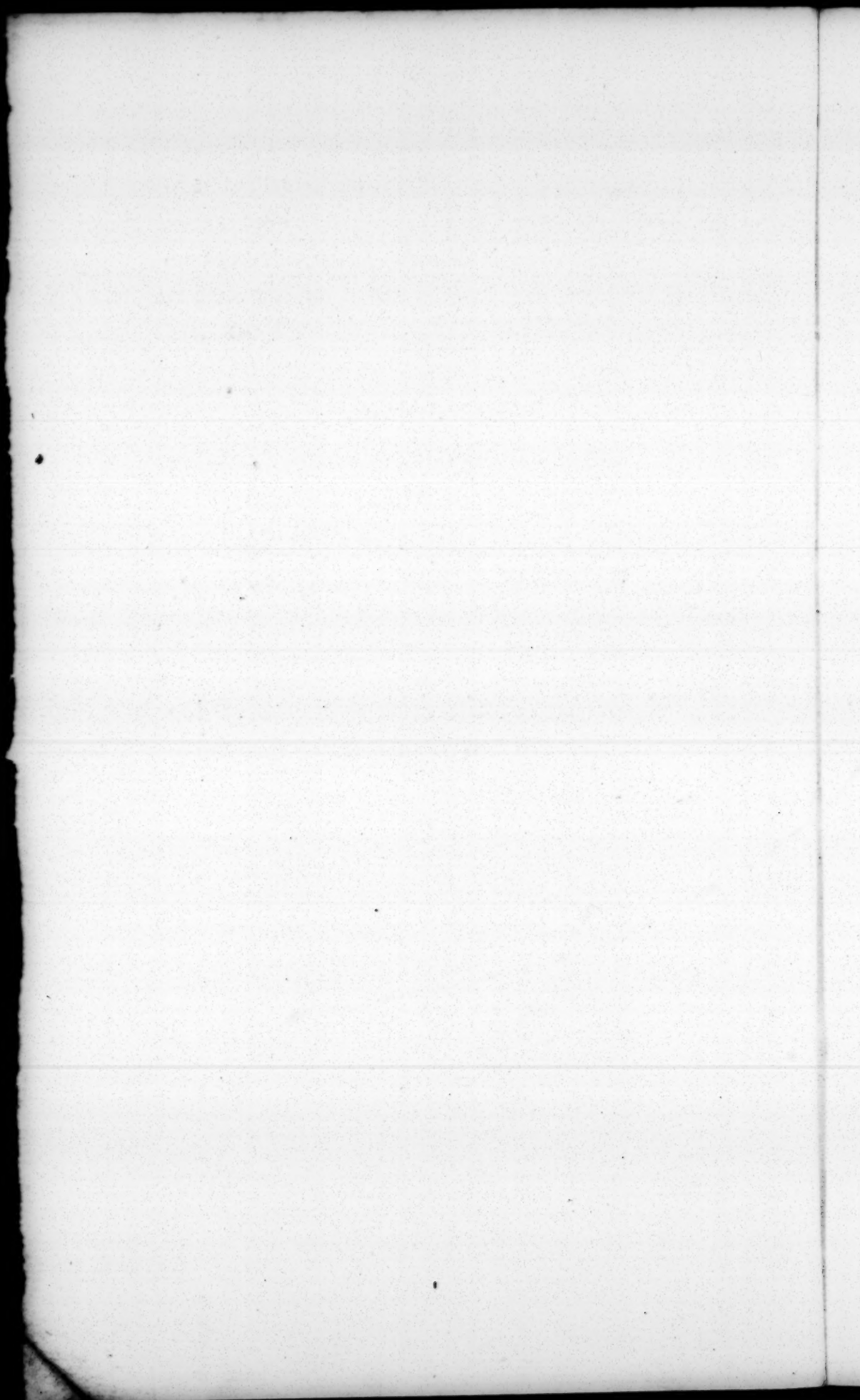
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drudgery, will superabundantly reward me with that secret, but solid pleasure, which an humble attempt to be of some small and inferior service in my profession, will ever sanction and secure.

I am, Brethren,  
With the most cordial respect,  
Your very obedient Servant,  
And Well-wisher,  
*THE AUTHOR.*

N. B. Any censures will be gratefully received, and emendations accordingly attempted in future.





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## PSALMS of DAVID.

### PSALM I.

**T**HE Subject—Is the different Fate of good and bad Men here and hereafter.

#### NOTES.

Verse 1st. *Sat in the Seat*—Hath not taken part with irreligious Persons, who, as it were *out of the Chair*, advance their Objections against God's Law.

Verse 5th. *The Chaff* (*though the solid Grain remains*) which the Wind scattereth away.

### PSALM II.

A Prophecy of the Messias—The first part relates to David.

#### NOTES.

Verse 1st. *Heathens*—Philistines, Moabites, and others.

Verse 6th. *Yet* (he shall say to me) I have set my King, &c.

Verse 7th. *I will preach the Law*, the eternal Decree of God revealed to me concerning another Prince, of whom God will say, "thou art my Son," whom I have begotten in the *to-day* of Eternity, in the continual Present of infinite Duration.

Verse 8th. I have granted thee David, the command over thy own Country; but to Thee *O my Son*, will I give the Heathen, &c.

Verse 10th. *O ye Kings* and Pagan Princes.

Verse 12th. *Kiss*—pay your Homage to, &c.

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P S A L M III.  
Of David when he flew before Absalom:

N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *And the Lifter up of my Head*, though my Afflictions make me stoop under them.

Verse 4th. *Holy Hill* of Sion, where his Ark is deposited.

Verse 5th. *And slept* (notwithstanding my Oppressions) so great was my Trust in thy Defence.

Verse 6th. *Ten Thousands of the People*, i. e. Absalom's Army.

P S A L M IV.  
When David was still under Absalom's Rebellion:

N O T E S.

Verse 1st. *In Trouble*, particularly under Saul's Reign. 1st Sam. 19th v. c. 23d.

Verse 2d. *Mine Honour*, my royal Dignity.—*Leasing, Lying*.

Verse 4th. *Be still*, lay down your Arms against your lawful Prince.

Verse 6th, *Who will shew us any good?* What good can we expect under King David's Reign?

Verse 7th. Lord, notwithstanding their ingratitude, look favourably upon me, and my People.

Verse 8th. I have not returned them ill for their unkindness, but have rejoiced at the Benefits thou hast conferred upon me.

P S A L M V.  
By David, about the Time he fled from Absalom:

N O T E S.

Verse 5th. *Foolish*, i. e. these Rebels.

Verse 6th. *Speak leasing*, such as Doeg and Achitopel, who poison my Subjects' Loyalty with their *untruths*.

Verse 7th. *Toward thy holy Temple*, tho' I do not as the Priests enter the Sanctuary, yet I will, with the devoutest Affection pray towards it. Deut. 1st. c. v. 3d. Heb. 9. v. 6.

Verse 8th. *Because of mine Enemies*, who watch every Slip I make.

Verse 9th. *Inward parts*, secret counsels.

Verse 10th. *Open Sepulchre*, uncovered Grave, dangerous to those who come near it.

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P S A L M VI.

David under a grievous Sickness, or in great Trouble.

P S A L M VII.

Written upon the malicious Information of Cush the Benjamite, against David to Saul.

N O T E S.

Verse 2d. *He*, i. e. Saul.

Verse 4th. *Delivered*, twice spared Saul, when I had the advantage over him. 1st Sam. c. 24th, v. 7. Sam. 26 c. v. 9, v. 23.

Verse 6th. *In the Judgement*—When I exert my judicial and regal Authority.

Verse 14th. *Ordaineth*, levelleth.

Verse 17th. *Travail*, troubling.

P S A L M VIII.

His Victory over Goliath.

P S A L M IX.

Ditto.

P S A L M X.

David under great Trouble, persecuted by Saul.

N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *Covetous*, Tyrannical.

P S A L M XI.

Ditto.

N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *Foundations*, *Laws* subverted, *done* to deserve consequent persecution.

P S A L M XII.

David betrayed by Doeg the Edomite, levelled against Saul's Courtiers.

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P S A L M XIV.

David in great Distress.

P S A L M XV.

What Qualifications required to make a true Member of the Church of God.

P S A L M XVI.

Persecution of Saul.

N O T E S.

Verse 7th. *Goodly Heritage*—the Kingdom of Judea.

Verse 8th. *Reins*, inward Thoughts.

P S A L M XVII.

Persecution of Saul.

N O T E S.

Verse 4th. *Kept me*, &c. have not destroyed Saul when it was in my Power.

Verse 13th. *Sword*, an instrument guided but by thy Hand and Will.

P S A L M XVIII.

Delivery from Saul.

N O T E S.

Verse 1st. *Horn*, Refuge.

Verse 4th. *Snares of Death*, Conspiracy.

Verse 12th. *Coals of Fire*, red-hot Thunderbolts.

Verse 18th. *Prevented*, surprized me.

Verse 20th. *Cleanness*, unembrued with Saul's Blood.

Verse 36th. *Room enough*, an ample Kingdom unconfin'd.

Verse 44th. *A People*, most remote, even unknown and unheard of.

Verse 49th. *Wicked Man*, Saul.

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P S A L M XIX.

Contemplation of the Creation;

N O T E S.

Verse 2d. *Telleth*, leaveth an Argument for the next; *certifieth*, leaveth the Demonstration still as cogent for the next.

Verse 5th. *Tabernacle*, Orb wherein he moves.

Verse 5th. *Giant*, strong athletic.

Verse 7th. *Wisdom* of God conspicuous not only in the Works of Nature, but in the divine Law he has given us.

Verse 9th. *Clean*, free from the Superstition of the Gentiles.

P S A L M XX.

The People pray for the King's Success against the Ammonites.

P S A L M XXI.

N O T E S.

Verse 4th. *Life*, escape from the Hands of Saul.

P S A L M XXII.

David in great Distress, forsok by his Friends, in Absalom's Rebellion.

N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *And thou continuest Holy*, nevertheless—

Verse 6th. *But as for me, I am a Worm*—Abraham, Jacob and Joseph were great and holy Men, *but as for me*, &c.

Verse 12th. *Oxen*, powerful Enemies, strong, fierce, and pampered as the Bulls in the fertile valley of Basan.

Verse 14th. *Consumes away like melting Wax*.

Verse 16th. *Dogs*—Conspirators—blood-thirsty Men.

Verse 18th. *Garments*, Estates, &c.

Verse 20th. *Darling*, Life.

Verse 21st. *Among the Horns of Unicorns*—when in as much Danger as if gored by them.

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P S A L M XXIII.

David prosperous and settled after Saul's Persecution.

N O T E S.

Verse 5th. *Prepare a Table*, make me prosperous in the Face of mine Enemies.

P S A L M XXIV.

The Ark brought and settled in the House he had prepared for it in Mount Sion.

N O T E S.

Verse 2d. *Founded it on the Seas*, made the Earth prominent, and standing above the Waters.

Verse 3d. *Ascend the hill*, follow the Ark into Mount Sion.

Verse 4th. *Lifted up his Mind*, &c. solemnly attested a false Thing.

Verse 6th. *Seek thy Face*, join themselves unto the House of Jacob.

Verse 7th. *O ye Gates*, i. e. for the Ark to enter in—*everlasting Doors*, i. e. Heaven, for the Entry of the Messias.

P S A L M XXV.

David in great Affliction, from the Reflection upon his great Sin in the Matter of Uriah.

N O T E S.

Verse 2d. *Transgress*, take up arms against their Sovereign, without Provocation.

Verse 5th. *Tender mercies*, deliverances from Goliath and Saul—*of old*—shewn to Abraham and Isaac.

Verse 13th. *Secret*, hidden favours.

Verse 21st. *Israel*, my poor Subjects.

P S A L M XXVI.

David falsely accused by Informers in Saul's Court.

N O T E S.

Verse 2d. *Reins*, secret Thoughts.

Verse 10th. *Gifts*, Corruption.

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P S A L M XXVII.

David in his Old Age recounts the Dangers God  
had delivered him from.

N O T E S.

Verse 5th. *Rock of Stone*, safe as if in a fortified Castle.

Verse 15th. *Land of the Living*, in a future state.

P S A L M XXVIII.

David troubled with some domestic Factions.  
Sam. 2d, 20.

P S A L M XXIX.

A Psalm of David after some great Storm of  
Thunder and Lightning.

N O T E S.

Verse 6th. *Libanus and Sirion*, the most famous Mountains in Palestine.

Verse 8th. *Bring forth Young*, i. e. out of Fear—*discovereth*, maketh bare the Wood of the thickest Bushes, by blasting their Leaves—in *his Temple*, during these Devastations in other Places, the Inhabitants of Jerusalem do with Security worship God.

Verse 9th. *Sitteth above*, ruleth the Waterflood, i. e. watery Meteors and fierce Rains.

P S A L M XXX.

On the Dedication of David's House after his return,  
and the Suppression of Absalom's Rebellion.

N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *Out of Hell*, from the Brink of the Grave.

Verse 6th. *Prosperity*, quiet possession of my Crown.

P S A L M XXXI.

David flies from Saul, and is encompassed by his Forces.

N O T E S.

Verse 14th. *As a broken Vessel*, despicable.

Verse 21st. *Sons of Men*, and acknowledged by even Saul himself.

Verse 22. *Strife of Tongues*, Calumnies.

Verse 23d. *Strong City*, Keilah, which the Philistines had invested.

P S A L M XXXII.

David repents for the complicated Sin in the Affair of Uriah.

N O T E S.

Verse 1st. *Covered*, whose Sins God does, as it were, hide from his Eyes.

Verse 2d. *Guile*, Hypocrisy.

Verse 7th. *The great Water-floods*, when Sinners are deluged by a Flood of Iniquity.

Verse 8th. *Compass*, &c. bless me with Victory.

P S A L M XXXIII.

God's Wisdom in the Creation, and his Dispensations.

P S A L M XXXIV.

David feigned himself mad, and by that Means escaped from Saul.—1 Sam. c. 21st. 11th v.

N O T E S.

Verse 1st. He thanks God for the Success of this innocent Fraud.

Verse 2. *The humble*, the People of Israel.

Verse 5th. *They had an Eye*, good Men look up to God.

Verse 10. *Lions*, Courtiers of Saul.



P S A L M XXXV.

This Psalm is levelled against the Informers in Saul's Court; David begs God's Assistance to defeat their Designs.

N O T E S.

Verse 21st. *Fie on thee, &c.* thou hast used specious Arts to disguise this Treason against Saul.

P S A L M XXXVI.

David persecuted by Saul, who thro' Dissimulation, secretly contrives David's ruin. David prays against any evil effects of it.

N O T E S.

Verse 8th. *Thy house*, the Earth and Creation.

Verse 12th. *There*, nay I see the ruin of mine Enemies.

P S A L M XXXVII.

A Persuasion to submit to God's Dispensations of what kind soever they be.

P S A L M XXXVIII.

David describes his Grief for the Sin against Uriah, under a Metaphor.

N O T E S.

Verse 4th. *Gone over my head*, Overwhelmed me.

P S A L M XXXIX.

David in great Sickness or Trouble, reflects upon the Vanity of worldly things, and argues against Impatience.

N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *Good Words*, Vindication of my righteous Cause.

Verse 4th. *The Fire kindled*, my Impatience heated me, and obliged me to break my designed Silence.

P S A L M XL.

Rehearsal of past Favours to David, as also prophetical Representation of the Messias.

N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *Put a new Song in my Mouth*, afforded a new Subject for praise.

Verse 4th. *It*, this extraordinary Mercy.

Verse 5th. *Turned not unto the Proud*, relied not in self-confidence, or in lying Arts for Deliverance, but in God alone.

Verse 6th. *Ordereth them*, can sum them up in arithmetical order.

Verse 8th. *Sacrifice and Meat Offerings*, Mosaical Sacrifices—*opened*, bored as a Servant who loves his Master and is not willing to go free.

Verse 9th. *Then*, did the Messias stipulate that he should come into the World, saying, Lo! I come.

Verse 10th. *Book*, Mosaical Law.

Verse 11th. *Congregation*, public Tabernacles.

Verse 12th. *Not hid*, not merely meditated, but talked of them, &c.

Verse 19th. *Thy Salvation*, and trust not in rebellious arms.

P S A L M XLI.

David in a severe fit of Sickness, and under Troubles from Absalom's Rebellion.

N O T E S.

Verse 8th. *Viz. Saying*, Let the Sentence, &c.

Verse 9th. *Familiar Friend*, Achitophel.

P S A L M XLII.

Written by David when absent from the Service of the Temple, being debarred from it during his Exile, by Absalom's Rebellion.

N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *My Meat*, as constant as that.

Verse 4th. *For I went*, I used to go.

Verse 8th. *The Land of Jordan*, the present place of my Exile.

Verse 9th. *Calleveth another*, wave succeedeth another, impelled by the Cataracts of Heaven.

Verse 10th. But yet I will *recollect* that the Lord, &c.

Verse 15th. *Help of my Countenance*, gives me to hope a better state of Affairs.

P S A L M XLIII.

Is an Appendix to the 42d.

P S A L M XLIV.

Written by some Holy Person during the Captivity when the Jews were infested with Sennacherib's Army.

N O T E S.

Verse 2d. *The Heathen*, the Canaanites.

Verse 15th. *By-word*, i. e. Proverb—this is cheaper than a Jew is sold for.

Verse 20th. *Place of Dragons*, Pits, to lie among Serpents and Worms.

Verse 25th. *Our Belly*, we are growelling on the ground disabled, and cannot get up.

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P S A L M XLV.

By Moses, describing the Union of Christ under the figure of a Nuptial Solemnity.

N O T E S.

Verse 6th. *Thy Arrows are very sharp*, thy Doctrines shall come with Force and Efficacy.

Verse 8th. *Fellows*, Angels and Celestial Powers.

Verse 9th. *Ivory Palaces*, Heaven, in which thou hast been clad with, and refreshed by heavenly Virtues.

Verse 10th. *King's Daughters*, the royal and noble Persons who shall be converted to thy Religion, shall be as Bride-Maids to attend thy nuptials—the *Queen*, thy Church—*Vesture of Gold*, flourishing condition.

Verse 11th. *Own People*, Heathenish or Jewish Religion—*Father's House*, Country Religion.

Verse 13th. *Tyre*, shall be converted.

P S A L M XLVI.

David's Conquest over the Philistines, Jerusalem triumphs for that great Victory.

N O T E S.

Verse 4th. *The Flood*—Kidron.

P S A L M XLVII.

An inspired Author praises God for the call of the Gentiles.

N O T E S.

Verse 2d. *The Earth*, the Jews and Gentiles.

Verse 4th. *Heritage*, the Land of Canaan.

P S A L M XLVIII.

Thanksgiving for the wonderful Deliverances from Sennacherib's Army, which had besieged Jerusalem.—2 Kings, c. 19.

N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *Kings of the Earth*, Sennacherib, and the auxiliary Princes.

Verse 7th. *Heard*, from Isaiah.—2 Kings, c. 19, v. 20.

Verse 11th. *Tell the Towers*, see what little Damage is done to them by so formidable an Army.

Verse 12th. *Set up*, number the houses left entire.

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P S A L M XLIX.

Remarks on the different State of good and bad Men, and an exhortation to persevere in Piety.

N O T E S.

Verse 5th. *Wickedness*, of Enemies at my Heels.

P S A L M L.

Contains excellent reproofs upon those who valued themselves upon exactness, or their legal Performance, and yet neglected the moral Duties.

P S A L M LI.

Nathan the Prophet came unto David after he had gone in unto Bathsheba.

P S A L M LII.

On this Occasion—Doeg informed Saul, that Ahimelech entertained David—Saul orders him to slay Ahimelech, and eighty-three more Priests, which was done accordingly.

P S A L M LIII.

Lightly varied from the Psalm 16th.

P S A L M LIV.

David hemmed in by Saul's Troops in the Wilderness of Ziph.

N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *Strangers*, the Ziphites—*Tyrants*, the Prince himself.

Verse 5th. *In Truth*, promise of the Kingdom to me.

Verse 6th. *Free Heart*, liberal Sacrifices.

Verse 7th. *My Desire*, i. e. that my Enemies (as they have) should march away from me.

P S A L M LV.

David complains of Achitophel's Insincerity.

N O T E S.

Verse 9. *Destroy their Tongues*, perplex their Counsels.

Verse 19th. *There were many with me*; thy assistance was equivalent to a Multitude of Auxiliaries.

Verse 21st. *He*, i. e. Achitophel.

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P S A L M LVI.

David taken by the Philistines in Gath.

N O T E S.

Verse 8th. *Tellest my Flittings*, takest account of all my Sufferings.—*Put my Tears*, &c. as it were preserve them.

Verse 13th. *Delivered*, by suffering my Stratagem to deceive the Philistines thro' affected Madness.

P S A L M LVII.

By David when he fled from Saul in the Cave, and piously refused to kill him.

N O T E S.

Verse 5th. *Lie*, am encompassed round by.

P S A L M LVIII.

David persecuted by Saul, levels this chiefly at his Courtiers.

N O T E S.

Verse 8th. *Or ever your Pots*, &c. without delay.

P S A L M LIX.

On Saul's sending and watching the House to kill David, who was delivered by the pious Fraud of Michal his Wife.—1st Sam. 19th.

N O T E S.

Verse 7th. *For who doth hear?* saying, doth God hear us?

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P S A L M LX.

This Psalm not penned *after*, but *whilst* David was preparing for the Expedition against the Edomites.

N O T E S.

Verse 4th. *Token*, by our Victory over the adherents of Saul's House.

Verse 6th. *God hath spoken*, as in answer to my Prayer—*divide* among my victorious Soldiers.

Verse 7th. *Lawgiver*, furnisher of subordinate Magistrates and Ministers.

Verse 8th. *Wash-pot*, Slave—*Cast out my Shoe*, assert my Dominion over it by some Action, and by some Token of my Authority.

Verse 9th. *Strong City*, Rabba of the Ammonites.

P S A L M LXI.

By David, when driven beyond Jordan, to the extremities of Judæa, by his Rebel Son.

N O T E S.

Verse 2d. *Ends of the Earth*, extremities of Judæa.

Verse 4th. *I will*, i. e. after my Restoration.

Verse 5th. *Heritage*, Kingdom.

P S A L M LXII.

By David in the beginning of Absalom's Rebellion, whilst his Subjects were combining against him.

P S A L M LXIII.

The Prophet Gad advises David to get him into the Land of Judah, he departed and came into the Forest of Hareth.—1st Sam. c. 22d. v. 5.

N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *In Holiness*, near the Sanctuary.

Verse 12th. *Them*, Saul's Courtiers.

P S A L M LXIV.

By David when grown into Disgrace, and departed  
from Saul's Court.

P S A L M LXV.

David praises God for the plentiful Showers  
of Rain after the three Years Famine. 2d  
Sam. 21.

N O T E S.

Verse 5th. *Remain*, in Islands encompassed by the  
Ocean.

Verse 10th. *River of God*, celestial Repository of  
Waters.

P S A L M LXVI.

Written soon after David's coming to the Throne,  
when the Philistines had made such Ravages in  
the Country.

N O T E S.

Verse 11th. *Fire and Water*, the greater and lesser  
Calamities.

P S A L M LXVII.

Written probably by Esdras after the Captivity—  
A Prophecy relating to the Propagation of the  
Gospel.

N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *All*, not only Judæa.

## P S A L M LXVIII.

Some signal Victory obtained over the Philistines.

## N O T E S.

Verse 6th. *The Prisoners*, and me from Saul's Persecution—*Runagates*, Informers, continue in *scarceness*, in Penury.

Verse 8. *Dropped*, were dissolved into Thunder and Rain.

Verse 9th. *A gracious Rain*, Showers of *Manna* to refresh them in the Wilderness.

Verse 10th. *Therein*, even in that barren place—the *Poor*, thy distressed Servants.

Verse 11th. *Gave the Word*, and they conquered—*Preachers*, Women singing the triumphal Song.

Verse 12th. *Of the Household*, who remained in the Tents after the Battle, divided the Spoil.

Verse 13th. *Lien among the Pots*, the lowest state of Drudgery—*Wings of a Dove*, splendid Equipage shall ye appear in.

Verse 14th. *Kings*, as Og and Sihon—*White as Snow*, as glorious in the sight of their Neighbours, as the snowy Head of Salmon, when it glisters by the reflection of the Sun Beams.

Verse 16th. *Hop*, Dance and triumphantly joy, as if you of Basan and Salmon were the only remarkable Hills on this side the World—*This*, i. e. Sion for ever shall continue until the coming of the Messias.

Verse 17th. *Among them* here, as formerly in Sinai.

Verse 18th. *Gone up on high*, ascended this holy Hill, as a triumphant General returns to his City—*Captivity captive*, the Prisoners taken in this War, were led, or drawn as it were after the Chariot—*Received Gifts*, Ransoms for the Prisoners, that Peace being all around established, the Lord God might, &c.

Verse 21. *Enemies*, the Philistines—*Wickedness*, Idolatry.

Verse 23d. *Thy Foot*, O David, may wade in the Blood of thine Enemies.

Verse 25th. *The Singers*, the Levites—*Little Benjamin*, Jacob's youngest Son—*Zabulon and Neptali*, Chiefs, tho' so far remote from Jerusalem.

Verse 28th. *Stablish the Thing*, perfect our Victories.

Verse 30th. *Blasts of the People*, Fierce Boors and Countrymen,

Verse 31st. *Come out* to congratulate (by Embassy) our Successes, and even the Moors and Ethiopians shall join with us in Worship to God.

Verse 33d. *Voice*, Thunder.



P S A L M LXIX.

David describes his Distresses in the Time of  
Absalom's Rebellion.

N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *Waiting*, looking upwards.

Verse 7th. *Suffered Reproof*, for my trusting in thee.

Verse 12th. *Sit in the Gate*, loiter about the Gate of  
the City.

Verse 13th. *Acceptable Time*, when thy Interposition  
will be most acceptable.

Verse 23d. *Table*, their being gathered together to eat  
the Paschal Sacrifice.

Verse 24th. *See not*, the light of the Gospel for many  
Ages.

Verse 26th. *Dwell in their Tents*, no Posterity left to  
succeed them in Judæa.

Verse 32d. *Hath Horns and Hoofs*, Bullocks full  
grown.

Verse 36th. *Sion*, &c. i. e. Jerusalem.—*Men*, the  
Jews.

P S A L M LXX.

Psalms 40th a little varied—David in great  
Distress.

P S A L M LXXI.

By David in the Time of Absalom's Rebellion.

N O T E S.

Verse 18th. *Deep of the Earth*, alludes to his  
Confinement in the Extremities in Judæa.—Pf. 61.  
Verse 2d.

## P S A L M LXXII.

Written upon Solomon's being anointed the Successor of David, yet *properly* of Christ, hyperbolically only of Solomon.

## N O T E S.

Verse 1st. *The King*, me David—*Son*, Solomon—*Judgements*, regal Office of executing Justice.

Verse 3d. *The Mountains*, &c. tho' Solomon's Reign shall be happy, yet that of the Messias shall be more so, the Barren Hills (Nations buried in unfruitful Ignorance) shall be blessed by having the Gospel of the Messias preached to the Inhabitants thereof.

Verse 6th. *He shall come down*, descend with a mild Influence (in the Spirit of Meekness) as a gentle Rain on a Fleece of Wool.

Verse 10th. *Kings*, &c. those in the most remote Parts in Africa and Asia.

Verse 12th. *Helper*, no Redeemer but himself.

Verse 15th. *Live for ever* and receive a Crown more precious than Arabian Gold.

Verse 16th. *There shall be*, the Blessings of his Kingdom shall be multiplied—*Green*, fruitful.

Verse 19th. *The Earth*, the Gentiles also.

## P S A L M LXXIII.

Unknown by whom composed—supposed by one of the Name of Asaph—Upon the miserable Ravages, and great Victories of Sennacherib in Judæa, when even Hezekiah suffered so much.

## N O T E S.

Verse 7th. *Fatness*, Luxury.

Verse 9th. *They stretch*, and they spare neither God, nor man, in their impious Discourses.

Verse 10th. *Fall unto*, close in with their Sentiments—*they* the People also—*thereout*, from these atheistical Opinions.

Verse 14th. *The Generation*, &c. all those who follow Piety and thy Religion.

Verse 16th. *Until*, &c. I consulted thy Holy Word repositied in thy Sanctuary.

Verse 20th. *Thus*, i.e. before I was satisfied by thy word my reins, my very heart.

Verse 26th. *Fornication*, and idolatrous worship.

P S A L M

## P S A L M LXXIV.

By some divine Poet during the Captivity—It laments the destruction of the Temple by Nebuchadnezzar's Soldiers, and the consequent Reproaches the House of Asaph then sustained.

## N O T E S.

Verse 5th. *For Tokens*, representing on them their Idols.

Verse 6th. *Thick Trees*, Tyrian Forests.

Verse 9th. *Them*, all Schools and Synagogues.

Verse 10th. *Tokens*, any miraculous Signs.

Verse 14th. *Dragons*, Pharaoh and his Army.

Verse 15th. *Leviathan*, Pharaoh—*him*, the Bodies of him and his Nobles to be meat for Fishes, which afterwards became Food for the Inhabitants of the Wilderness of Etham. Exodus c. 14. v. 23d.

Verse 16th. *Rock*, Rephidim—*Waters*, Jordan.

Verse 20th. *Turtle Dove*, thy holy Worship.

## P S A L M LXXV.

Some great Victory obtained, written in the form of a Dialogue between the King and his People.

## N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *Receive the Congregation*, preside over the Tribes of Israel.

Verse 4th. *The Earth*, &c. the Foundations of the Jewish Common Wealth are weak and tottering, being undermined by Saul's Tyranny—*Inhabitants*, Houses burnt, and Families undone.

Verse 5th. *Madly*, atheistically—*Horn*, Arrogance and Oppression.

Verse 7th. *Cometh not from the East*, &c. that is, proceed from natural Causes.

Verse 10th. *Dregs*, poisonous Sediment, i. e. Misfortunes.



PSALM LXXVI.

A Public Rejoicing on the Destruction of Sennacherib's Army.

NOTES.

Verse 1st. *Fury*, Judæa—there while we were performing our Worship.

Verse 4th. *Thou art of more Honour*, more celebrated than the neighbouring Hills were for the Robberies, committed by the Assyrian Soldiers.

Verse 5th. *Slept their Sleep*, have perished by the destroying Angel—*found nothing*, not struck a Stroke.

Verse 10th. *Fierceness of Man shall turn to thy Praise*, tyrannical Princes shall not dare to oppose (but will turn to) thy true Religion.

Verse 12th. *Spirit*, Ambition.

PSALM LXXVII.

One of the House of Asaph bemoans the Miseries, and length of the Captivity.

NOTES.

Verse 2d. *My Sore*, my eyes gushed out Tears.

Verse 10th. *Mine own Infirmary*, i. e. by reason of my Sin.

Verse 19th. *In the Sea*, thou didst go before the Israelites—not known, i. e. the Waters closed instantly.

PSALM LXXVIII.

This Psalm was written to put the People in mind of the divine Favours, or Displeasures towards the Jews, according to their Behaviour.

NOTES.

Verse 2d. *Open my Mouth in a Parable*, lay before you instructive Considerations out of the sacred Records.

Verse 13th. *Zaan*, the Province of Ægypt, where Pharaoh kept his Court.

Verse 22d. *Heavy Displeasure*, by Lightning. Numbers ch. 11, v. 6.

Verse 42d. *Tempted*, distrusted.

Verse 55th. *Purchased with his right Hand*, which David won from the Jebusites.

Verse 56th. *Tents* of the Canaanites.

Verse 68th. *Joseph*, Son of Ephraim.

Verse 69th. *Tribe*, Mount Sion, within the Territories of the Tribe of Judah.

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P S A L M LXXIX.

On the Destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar.

N O T E S.

Verse 12th. *Appointed to die*, sentenced to destruction.

P S A L M LXXX.

The same Subject as 79th.

N O T E S.

Verse 1st. *Shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the Cherubims*, i. e. manifest thy Glory to us as thou didst use to appear with, when we beheld thy \*Shechinah; from thy seat the Ark of the Covenant which was placed between the Cherubims.

Verse 3d. *Turn us again*, restore us to our Country.

Verse 8th. *A Vine*, us as a choice Vine.

Verse 11th. *Unto the Sea*, over the Land of Canaan, which is extended on the West to the Mediterranean—*River Euphrates* on the East.

Verse 15th. *The Branch*, &c. the People whom thou hast peculiarly set aside for thy Worship.

P S A L M LXXXI.

On the most joyful Festival of the Year, the Feast of the Tabernacles.

N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *New Moon*, the first Day of the Jewish Year.

Verse 4th. *A Statute*, vide Lev. 23, v. 25.

Verse 6th. I (says God) *cased his Shoulders*.

Verse 7th. *Troubles*, when pursued by Pharaoh's Army—*what Time as the Storm*, when I gave thee the Law on Mount Sinai, accompanied with Thunder and Lightning.

Verse 8th. *Waters of Strife*, Meribah, Exod. 17th, v. 5th.

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\*A Divine Irradiation of Light, as an Intimation of thy Presence, and earnest of thy Glory.

P S A L M LXXXII.

On the Corruption of some wicked Magistrates.

N O T E S.

Verse 1st. *Gods*, inferior and commissioned by his Authority, as Proxies.

Verse 5th. *They*, the Judges—*Foundations of the Earth*, national Constitution and Laws.

Verse 6th. *I have said, Ye are Gods*, have allowed you to be called by my Name, and to be esteemed as of a divine Original.

P S A L M LXXXIII.

Written against Jehosaphat, vide 2d Chron. ch. 20, v. 1st.

N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *Thy secret ones*, those whom thou secretly dost protect.

Verse 6th. *Hagarens*, who took their Name from their Mother Hagar.

Verse 8th. *Have holpen*, have espoused the Cause of.

Verse 13th. *A Wheel*, make them giddy and unsettled in their Counsels, and disperse their Forces.

P S A L M LXXXIV.

Probably by David when hindered from frequenting the Tabernacle, being driven from the City by Absalom's rebellious Arms.

N O T E S.

Verse 1st. *Of Hosts*, blessed Spirits.

Verse 6th. *Who going thro' the Vale of Misery*, &c. who living at a Distance from thy Tabernacle, are forced to travel over a *dry barren Heath* to get to it; the Comfort they receive in being to appear before God, makes them to be as pleasant in travelling over the scorching Sands, as if they had Wells and Cisterns all the Way to drink of.

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P S A L M LXXXV.

Written soon after the Restoration of the Jews from their Captivity.

N O T E S.

Verse 13th. *In the way*, according to the Rules of Equity and Goodness.

P S A L M LXXXVI.

A Prayer of David during his Affliction under Saul.

N O T E S.

Verse 16th. *Son of thine Hand-Maid*, I am as much thy Property as the Son of a Bond-woman who is born in her Master's House.

Verse 17th. *Some token upon me for good*, some instance of thy eminent Mercy.

P S A L M LXXXVII.

Written in Honour of the City of Jerusalem.

N O T E S.

Verse 1st. *Holy Hill*, consecrated Mount Sion—*Dwellings of Jacob*, Cities of Judæa.

Verse 2d. *Excellent Things*, relating to the Magnificence of the Structures and Salubrity of Air.

Verse 3d. *I will think upon Rhabab and Babylon*, with them that know me, I will not deny that Ægypt and Babylon may boast of noble Cities, when I talk with my Friends about those Matters.

Verse 4th. *Behold*, &c. the Philistines, the Tyrians and Arabians are remarkable also, and celebrated for the Birth of great Men.

Verse 5th. Jerusalem can vie with any of them since so great a Prince was born in her by whom she is protected.

Verse 6th. *The Lord*, &c. shall distinguish this great Birth by a particular Mark of Honour.

Verse 7th. *The Singers*, &c. All the Voices and Music of the Temple shall sing in Praise of this sacred City, that she is a Fountain of Delight, more beautiful and pleasant than the purest and coolest Stream.

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## P S A L M LXXXVIII.

Written during the Time of the Jewish Captivity,  
in the Language of a poor Slave in Chains.

## N O T E S.

Verse 4th. *Free*, disengaged from this Life, and, as if one of the dead.

Verse 8th. *Get forth*, and go to them, since they abhor, and will not visit me.

Verse 10th. Make haste to deliver me, or I die—then I cannot expect so great a Miracle as that thou wilt raise me up—that I may praise thee in this Life again.

Verse 11th. I cannot praise thee when dead, or sing thy faithfulness.

Verse 16th. *Goeth over me*, like a Torrent has risen above my Head, and destroyed me.

Verse 17th. *They*, not a single Misfortune, but numberless Afflictions.

Verse 18. *Hid*, kept them from me, and my sad abode.

## P S A L M LXXXIX.

Describes the Misfortune of Jehoiakim, and thereupon the Writer seems even to distrust the Promises made to the Families of David.

## N O T E S.

Verse 2d. *For I have said*, &c. it is my fixed Opinion, that thy favourable Disposition towards our Nation is settled so firm, that the revolutions of the heavenly Bodies are not established upon greater rules of Certainty, than the Promises thou hast made for our Preservation.

Verse 5th. *The very Heavens*, Angels above.

Verse 18th. *Horns*, Power.

Verse 20th. *Saints*, Samuel in particular—*laid help*, endued with Authority and Strength.

Verse 23d. *Son of Wickedness*, Saul.

Verse 26th. *I will set*, &c. On one side he shall subdue the Philistines, on the other the Syrians, up to the Tygris and Euphrates.—Sam. 2d. c. 8th. v. 9th.

Verse 28th. *First-born*, principal in Dignity.

Verse 30th. *As the Days of Heaven*, everlasting.

Verse 35th. *As the Sun* eternal, and as a constant instance of God's peculiar Protection.

Verse 39th. *Overthrown all his Hedges*; demolished Jerusalem, and *his strong holds*, fortified Places.

Verse 50th. *Slandered the Footsteps of thine anointed*, by denying that any other anointed, (viz. the great Messias whom we all expect) shall rise up in David's room.

## P S A L M XC.

Of very great Antiquity, composed by Moses,  
 "the Man of God."—A consolatory Hymn upon  
 the severe Doom denounced against the refractory  
 and murmuring Israelites.—Vide Numb. ch. 13.  
 v. 4.

## N O T E S.

Verse 4th. *As a Watch in the Night*, a short tract of  
 Time, or three Hours of last Night's Watch.

Verse 5th. *Scatterest*, callest them off from the Stage  
 of Life.

Verse 11th. *Who regardeth*, &c. who makes a right  
 use of thy Chastisements, *for even thereafter*, &c. thy  
 Displeasure is proportionate to that Fear and Reverence  
 of thee, or the Want of them which a man inwardly en-  
 tertains, or not, towards thy Name and Godhead.

Verse 12. *Number*, make a good use and reckoning of.

Verse 15th. *Plagued us*, viz. with Egyptian Slavery.

Verse 17th. *The Work of our Hands*, and Handy-work,  
 our Arms, and Endeavours in getting possession of Ca-  
 naan.

## P S A L M XCI.

Composed probably by David in the Time of Pes-  
 tilence. Sam. 2d. c. 24. v. 15. It is one of  
 the most admirable Hymns Antiquity affords.

## N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *Snare of the Hunter*, Fury of the destroying  
 Angel.

Verse 5th. *The Arrow*, winged Lightning.

## P S A L M XCII.

An excellent Description of the different Conditions  
 of pious and irreligious Men.

## N O T E S.

Verse 9th. *Horn*, Power and Dignity, for I am invi-  
 gorated and anointed, as it were, with Oil.

Verse 11th. *a Palm Tree* which is ever green and  
 flourishing.

Verse 12th. *Such as be planted*, so shall the Priests, who  
 continually officiate in the Temple, flourish.

Verse 13th. *They shall bring forth Fruit* longer than  
 the course of Nature ordinarily allows even in their age.

Verse 14th. *That they may shew*, so shall they demon-  
 strate.



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P S A L M XCIII.

The Author uncertain; most of the Jews interpret this of the Messias.

N O T E S.

Verse 4th. *Floods are risen, &c.* many idolatrous Nations endeavour by their tumultuous and factious Proceedings to hinder the Kingdom of the Messias.

P S A L M XCIV.

Written when the Magistrates were greatly corrupted, and oppressed the People, during the Captivity.

N O T E S.

Verse 10th. *Nurtureth the Heathen,* imparteth even to them some Knowledge.

Verse 15th. *Until Righteousness turn again unto Judgment,* until Justice resume her Seat—*it,* her Judicature.

Verse 20th. *Stool of Wickedness,* the Throne of wicked Princes, who, like Nebuchadnezzar, give out Edicts to worship Idols.

P S A L M XCV.

Composed probably for use on the Feast of the Tabernacles; it invites the Jews to praise God for his general and particular Benefits.

N O T E S.

Verse 8th. *To-day,* now in this our Day—the *Provocation,* your Disobedience—*Temptation,* distrust at Meribah.—Vide Exodus, ch. 17, v. 2d.

Verse 9th. *Proved me,* to see how far my Power reached—not knowing my *Ways,* not considering my great Works done for them.

Verse 11th. *My rest,* the Land of Canaan.

P S A L M XCVI.

On the translation of the Ark. Vide ch. 16. 1st Book of Chronicles. The latter part relates to the Jewish Restoration after the Captivity.

N O T E S.

Verse 6th. *Are before him*, rendering him inaccessible—and his Power and Honour is represented to us in his Tabernacle, by the Glory of his Shechina.

Verse 7th. *Kindreds of the People*, O ye Foreign Nations—*ascribe*, pay.

Verse 8th. *Presents*, Sacrifices.

Verse 9th. *Beauty*, beautiful Place where the Ark resides.

Verse 13th. *For he*, the Messiah.

P S A L M XCVII.

A Psalm of David on his Country being restored after Absalom's Rebellion; or rather, perhaps, a direct Prophecy of the Kingdom of the Messiah.

N O T E S.

Verse 1st. *Multitude of the Idols*, the Gentile World—*Clouds and Darkness*, &c. a thick impenetrable Cloud shall be his Canopy, Justice and Equity shall attend his Throne.

Verse 7th. *Ye Gods*, ye earthly Princes, and Angels in Heaven.

Verse 8th. *Sion*, the Inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Verse 11th. *A Light*, the Gospel.

P S A L M XCVIII.

Prophetical Exultation for the Conversion of the Gentiles.

N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *His Righteousness*, destroying the Kingdom of Darkness.

Verse 7th. *Shawms*, Pipes, Musical Instruments.

P S A L M

P S A L M XCIX.

This Psalm seems to relate to David's quiet Establishment in his Throne.

N O T E S.

Verse 1st. He *sitteth*, his Residence is in the Ark, where the Cherubims extend their Wings.

Verse 8th. *Forgavest*, by staying the Plague, with which thou punishedst their Idolatries.

P S A L M C.

A Form of Thanksgiving at the Peace Offering; Leviticus c. 7, v. 12.

P S A L M CI.

David lays down some pious and good Resolutions for the administration of his Government.

N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *House*, Kingdom.

P S A L M CII.

One of the seven penitential Psalms composed in the name of the Jewish Nation during the Captivity.

N O T E S.

Verse 6th *Like*, i. e. Solitary as.

Verse 9th. *Eaten Ashes*, being covered with Ashes, have neglected even my useful Food.

Verse 13th. *The Time is come*, the seventy Years Captivity is now near expiring.

Verse 22d. *Kingdoms*, Tribes of Israel.

P S A L M CIII.

On David's Recovery from a Fit of Sickness; it is full of Devotion.

N O T E S.

Verse 21st. *Hests*, Spiritual Beings.

P S A L M



P S A L M CIV.

Upon the Creation of the World; this is one of the most exalted Pieces of Poetry extant in all Antiquity.

N O T E S.

Verse 2d. *Curtain*, as Beams of Rafter's of thy great Chamber of State—*walketh*, is carried swiftly upon.

Verse 4th. The Winds waft thee along, are excited by the Power of Angels, and the Flashes which attend thy Thunder, are occasioned by those celestial Ministers.

Verse 6th. Thou first did enwrap the Globe of Earth with the circumfused Ocean—the greatest Eminences being covered with Water.

Verse 7th. At thy Command they flee, and all the Continents and Islands stood out above the Waters.

Verse 8th. *They*, the mighty bodies of Water—*go up*, raise themselves.

Verse 16th. *Even the Cedars*, though rooted in such a barren Mountain.

Verse 32d. *Hills*, as that of Sinai.

P S A L M CV.

Contains a History of God's Providences to the Jews.

N O T E S.

Verse 14th. *Kings*, the King of Egypt. Gen. ch. 12. v. 16.—the King of Gerar. Gen. ch. 22d. v. 3d.

Verse 18th. *Entered into his Soul*, eat into his Flesh.

Verse 23d. *Israel*, i. e. Jacob, his Father—*Ham*, Egypt, first planted by the Son of Cham.

Verse 36th. *Them*, the Egyptians, with Presents of Silver and Gold—their Tribes, those of the Israelites.

P S A L M

## P S A L M CVI.

A Form of Prayer during the Captivity, when the Jews thought fit to acknowledge their many national Sins which had brought down those heavy Judgements upon them.

## N O T E S.

Verse 10th. *The Adversary*, Pharaoh.

Verse 14th. *Tempted*, distrusted.

Verse 15th. *Leanness*, discontent and dissatisfaction.

Verse 23d. *In the Gap*, opposing himself, as it were, in the Breach where God's Wrath was pouring in.

Verse 24th. *Pleasant Land*, Canaan.

Verse 28th. *Baal-peor*, unto Baal whose Temple was upon Peor in Moab—*Offerings of the Dead*, Sacrifices to Idols.

Verse 32d. *Of Strife*, of Meribah—their Sake, because their Distrust occasioned Moses to commit a Fault, and suffer for it.

Verse 33d. *Unadvisedly*, used an unbecoming Expression, "shall we fetch you, ye Rebels, Water out of this Rock?" assuming the Power of God to himself.

Verse 34th. *The Heathen*, the seven Nations.

Verse 36th. *Decay*, Destruction.

Verse 38th. *Whoring with*, Prostituting themselves to Idolatry.

## P S A L M CVII.

Written not long after the Captivity—a grateful Commemoration of the extraordinary Favours of God lately experienced.

## N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *Gathered them out*, after their Dispersion.

Verse 18th. *Hard at Death's Door*, sick even unto Death.

Verse 33d. *The Floods into a Wilderness*, the Sea into dry Land.

Verse 35th. *He maketh the Wilderness* (a dry Land) to be refreshed by Rains.

Verse 41st. *Maketh him Households*, increaseth their Families.

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P S A L M CVIII.

Made up of two Davidical Psalms—the 59th and 60th.

N O T E S.

Verse 4th. *Greater than*, infinite and unmeasurable as the Distance from Earth to Heaven.

Verse 7th. *In his Holiness*, from his Sanctuary—*divide Sichem*, among my victorious Army—*mete*, portion out to them.

Verse 8th. *Ephraim is the strength of my Head*, is the main Support of my Government.

Verse 9th. *Juda*, out of it will I chuse my subordinate magistrates—*Moab is my Wash-pet*, the Moabites shall be my slaves—as also the Edomites—*upon Philistia*, on her account will I triumph, she shall receive me with triumphal Acclamations !

Verse 11th. *Hast not thou*, i. e. Thou hast not.

P S A L M CIX.

Is thought to be an Invektive of David against Doeg, who did him and his Friends so much Mischief under Saul—it has likewise a Regard to Judas, the Betrayer of our Lord—David was a Type of our Saviour, so was Doeg of Judas.

N O T E S.

Verse 5th. *Him*, Doeg—*Satan*, as an Informer.

Verse 15th. *Poor helpless Man*, so many harmless Priests.—1st Sam. c. 22, v. 18th.

P S A L M



## P S A L M CX.

A Prophecy of the Messias—this whole Psalm consists of a Speech, which God the Father is introduced speaking to the Messias.

## N O T E S.

Verse 1st. *The Lord said*, God said unto my Lord, the Messias.

Verse 2d. *The Lord*, &c. shall make my Empire to begin by preaching first the Gospel among the Jews; thou shalt rule and propagate it even among the most Idolatrous Nations, thine Enemies.

Verse 3d. *The Dew of thy Birth is as*, &c. This Inauguration of thine will be attended with as many Votaries as there are Drops of Dew on the Morning Grass.

Verse 4th. Of *Melchisedeck*, not the Aaronical order, which is successive; but of Melchisedeck, which is eternal; a continual Priest-Hobd.

Verse 7th. *He shall drink*, &c. He shall at first undergo Afflictions and Straits, as a Soldier is forced to drink at the next Stream; but at last, He shall be therefore exalted to Glory.

## P S A L M CXI.

David here relates God's general and particular Mercies; especially those towards the Jewish Nation.

## N O T E S.

Verse 5th. *Meat*, Manna in the Wilderness.

Verse 8th. *Works*, in expelling the Seven Nations, and planting the Israelites in their stead.

## P S A L M CXII.

A Description of a Pious Man.

## N O T E S.

Verse 4th. *Light in the Darknefs*, Spiritual Comfort in Distress.

Verse 9th. *Horn*, Reputation.

Verse 10th. *Grieve him*, thro' Envy.

P S A L M CXIII.

This sets forth the admirable Providence of God; and is one of the Liturgical Psalms, sung at the new Moons and Passover.

N O T E S.

Verse 7th. *Him*, David.

Verse 8th. *Barren Women*, Sarah and Hannah.

P S A L M CXIV.

A short historical Relation of the Departure of the Children of Israel out of Egypt, and their passing into Canaan, expressed in poetical Figures, with a most charming Elegance.

N O T E S.

Verse 2d. *Juda was his Sanctuary*, &c. This People was his only Church, and Israel his Kingdom.

Verse 3d. *Saw that*, felt his Omnipotence.

P S A L M CXV.

An Exhortation to trust in God alone.

P S A L M CXVI.

Written by Esdras, most probably after the return from the Captivity—The whole Nation of the Jews represented in the Name of a single Person.

N O T E S.

Verse 10th. *I believed*, I trusted in God.—*All Men are Liars*, i. e. God only is true.

Verse 14th. *Son of thine Hand-maid*, as if born in thine House.

P S A L M CXVII.

A Prophetical Exultation upon the Call of the Gentiles.

P S A L M CXVIII.

Probably an Inauguration Hymn when David was recognized King of all Israel and Judah; in it are many poetical Expressions which relate to the Messias.

N O T E S.

Verse 5th. *Trouble*, under Saul's Persecution.

Verse 11th. *They*, the Philistines, Syrians and Ammonites.

Verse 12th. *Extinguished as the Fire among Thorns*, tho' they made great Noise and tumultuous Threatnings, yet were they soon extinguished.

Verse 13th. *Thou*, Saul.

Verse 15th. *Mighty Things*, as settling me thro' so many Difficulties in the Kingdom of Judah and Israel.

Verse 19th. *Righteousness*, of Sion.

Verse 22d. *Stone*, the Messias.

Verse 27th. *Light*, Tranquility.

P S A L M CXIX.

Contains many very excellent, tho' unconnected Reflections and Rules.

N O T E S.—P A R T II.

Verse 3d. *Hid*, treasured up.

P A R T III.

Verse 6th. *Shame and Rebuke*, wicked Rebels.

P A R T IV.

Verse 1st. *Cleaveth to the Dust*, sinks as it were almost into the Grave—quicken, revive.

P A R T V.

Verse 7th. *Rebuke*, concerning Uriah.

P A R T VI.

P A R T VII.

Verse 6th. *House of my Pilgrimage*, in the Times of my Distress.



P A R T VIII.

Verse 5th. *Robbed me*, done me violence like Robbers.

P A R T IX.

Verse 6th. *Their Heart is as fat as Brawn*, their Senses so stupified, that they cannot comprehend the Excellency of thy Law,

P A R T X.

Verse 3d. *Faithfulness*, Goodness and Providence.

P A R T XI.

Verse 3d. *Like a Bottle*, withered by my Misfortunes, as a Leathern Bottle hung up in a smoaky Room, is shrivelled and deformed.

Verse 4th. *The Days* of my Affliction,

P A R T XII.

Verse 8th. *Exceeding broad*, shall never be abolished,

P A R T XIII.

Verse 6th. *Shrunk from*, transgressed thy Commandments.

P A R T XIV.

Verse 5th. *My Soul is alway in my Hand*, I am always in fear of my Life.

Verse 8th. *Unto the End*, uniformly.

P A R T XV.

P A R T XVI.

Verse 8th. *Strait*, conscientiously,

P A R T XVII.

Verse 2d. *Thy Word goeth forth*, thy Gospel is preached,

Verse 3d. *I opened my Mouth*; and drew in my Breath, I derived my natural and spiritual Life from thee.

P A R T XVIII.

Verse 4th. *Tried to the uttermost*, refined to the greatest Purity.

Verse 8th. *Live*, free from fear of mine Enemies.

P A R T

PART XIX.

Verse 4th. *Mine Eyes prevent the Night-Watches*, before the Night-Watch is set, I fall again to my Devotions.

Verse 8th. *Grounded them*, immoveably.

PART XX.

PART XXI.

Verse 5th. *Not offended at*, do not fall off from it for the Sake of worldly Interests,

PART XXII.

Verse 7th. *Judgements, Promises*,

Verse 8th. *Seek*, recover,

PSALM CXX.

Composed by David upon the Information of Doeg:

—1st Sam. ch. 22d. but was used afterwards by the Jews in Remembrance of their Captivity.

NOTES.

Verse 4th. *Woe is me*, &c. that I am compelled to live among the barbarous Arabians.

PSALM CXXI.

Written by David while in the Field with his Army; the Phrase is military, and represents a general looking out for Succours which he expects.

NOTES.

Verse 6th. *The Moon*, annoy thee with pestilential Vapours of the Night.

PSALM CXXII.

Written on settling the Ark in Sion, or some Anniversary of that Solemnity.—It is spoken in the Name of the Jews, as exulting upon the Thought of this famous Festivity.

PSALM

P S A L M CXXIII.

Written by some pious Person during the Captivity.

P S A L M CXXIV.

On David's Deliverance from the Rebellion of Absalom; used afterwards by the Jews as a Thanksgiving for their Return from the Captivity.

P S A L M CXXV.

An Exhortation to trust in God alone, and not to make Use of indirect Means for Safety.

P S A L M CXXVI.

A triumphal Song in congratulation of the Jews Return from the Captivity.

N O T E S.

Verse 1st. *That dream,* nor could believe the happy Truths for Joy.

Verse 5th. *Turn our Captivity,* bring back our numerous Captives, let them come with as great a Torrent as the great Southern Rivers flow with.

P S A L M CXXVII.

Shews that no Man can prosper but thro' God.

N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *For so,* i. e. when he giveth his *beloved Sleep,* his refreshing Sleep—or Sleep to those who have recommended themselves to his Care and Protection, by following his Precepts, and doing their Duties in that State of Life unto which it has pleased God to call them.

Verse 5th. *So are the young Children,* the Defenders and Protectors of their Parents.

Verse 6th. *The Gate,* the Judgement-Hall over the City-Gate.

P S A L M CXXVIII.

Used probably by the Jews as a Hymn in their Office of Matrimony.



P S A L M CXXIX.

Written probably by Ezra on some Troubles after the Captivity.

Verse 3d. *Ploughers ploughed*, Tyrants have scourged us.

Verse 6th. *Even as*, blasted like.

P S A L M CXXX.

A Prayer to God for Pardon of Sin, and Freedom from punishment—composed by some pious Person during the Captivity—It is the last of those, usually called “the Penitential Psalms,” seven in Number.

N O T E S.

Verse 1st. *Out of the Deep*, in my greatest Afflictions.

Verse 6th. *My Soul fleeth unto the Lord*, I put up my Petitions to God before the Watch of the City Walls is relieved.

P S A L M CXXXI.

Written by David to clear himself from any Delight of affecting the Kingdom during Saul's Life.

N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *Low*, as innocent as a young Child.

P S A L M CXXXII.

Written probably by Solomon, when he built the Temple, and fulfilled what was designed by his Father David. 2d Sam. ch. 7.

N O T E S.

Verse 1st. *David*, my Father.

Verse 3d. *My House*, my Palace.

Verse 6th. *Lo! we have heard*, &c. We first heard of the Ark being at Shilo, a Town of the Ephraimites; but when we went to meet it, we found it advanced to the woody Country of Kirja-jearim.

Verse 12th. *Set upon*, &c. set one of thy Sons upon thy Seat.

Verse 15th. *Saying*, *this shall be my rest*, &c.

Verse 18th. *The Horn*, the regal Dignity—as a lantern, as a burning Taper, till the coming of the Messias.

P S A L M

P S A L M CXXXIII.

Written most probably by David, when the Tribes were contending who should be most forward to bring the King back from the Place to which the rebellious Arms of Absalom had driven him.

N O T E S.

Verse 2d. *Skirts of his cloathing*, Collar of his Vesture.

Verse 3d. *Like as*, pleasant as.

P S A L M CXXXIV.

Used in the Service of the Temple.

N O T E S.

Verse 2d. *Stand*, keep watch.

P S A L M CXXXV.

A general Form of Thanksgiving for God's Mercies to the Jews.

N O T E S.

Verse 6th. *Deep Places*, low Caverns of the World.

Verse 7th. *Ends of the World*, from the vast Ocean that encompasses the inhabitable World.—*Treasures*, Store-House.

P S A L M CXXXVI.

A public Thanksgiving—a sort of Recapitulation of God's Mercies to the Jews.

N O T E S.

Verse 6th. *Laid out the Earth above the Waters*, made the dry Ground to appear above the Waters.

P S A L M

## P S A L M CXXXVII.

Written as a mournful Complaint of the Misery of the State, and the insulting Usage given them by their Assyrian Masters. The Poetry is inimitably fine, and equal to the best Rules laid down by the best Latin and Greek Critics.

## N O T E S.

Verse 1st. *Waters of Babylon*, the Tygris and Euphrates.

Verse 2d. *Hanged them up*, as a Time unfit for Melody.

Verse 4th. *Strange Land*, Idolatrous Nation.

Verse 5th. *If I*, if we Jews—*O Jerusalem*, Temple of God.

Verse 7th. *Children of Edom*, our Enemies—in the Day of *Jerusalem*, at that happy Time, when thou wilt defend our Cause.

Verse 8th. *Wasted with Misery*, tired with the Oppression of us.

Verse 9th. *Against the Stones*, to put an End to such a cruel Generation as you are.

## P S A L M CXXXVIII.

A Psalm made use of by Haggai and Zachary, at the rebuilding of the Temple.—It contains a pious Thanksgiving for Mercies received.

## N O T E S.

Verse 2d. *And thy Word*, and amply made good this Promise to me of the Kingdom. 1st Sam. ch. 16. v. 13.

Verse 3d. *Strength*, Patience.

Verse 5th. *In the Ways*, concerning the Works.

Verse 6th. *Afar off*, the Proud are in thy sight, and under thy Power.

Verse 7th. *Upon the Furioufness*, on account of the Furioufness.

Verse 8th. *The Work of thine own Hands*, the regal Dignity which thou hast raised me to.



## P S A L M CXXXIX.

An excellent Hymn upon God's great Attributes; his Omniscience and Omnipresence.—To these David appeals for an Approbation of his Integrity, when traduced for having ill Designs against Saul.

## N O T E S.

Verse 1st. *My down sitting and mine up rising*, my outward Actions.

Verse 7th. *Hell*, the lowest Vaults of the Earth.

Verse 8th. *Take the Wings of the Morning*, the swiftness of the Sun.

Verse 9th. *Hold me*, support me.

Verse 12th. *Reins*, inward Parts.

Verse 14th. *In the Earth*, in the Womb.

Verse 15th. *Written in thy Book*, noted and preserved by thee.

Verse 16th. *None of them*, resembling an human Body.

Verse 17th. *Sum*, variety of them.

Verse 23d. *Ground*, recesses of.

Verse 24th. *Way everlasting*, the Paths of Piety which lead to Peace for ever.

## P S A L M CXL.

Composed by David under Troubles in Saul's Reign; occasioned by the Information of the Ziphites against him. 1st Sam. c. 23, v. 20.

## N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *They have sharpened their Tongues*, no Serpent's Tongue conveys more Venom than the Tongues of these wicked Calumniators.

Verse 4th. *Overthrow my goings*, work my Ruin.

Verse 7th. *Battle*, with Goliath.

Verse 10th. *Hot burning Coals*, the dreadful Judgement of Sodom.

Verse 11th. *Of Words*, deceitful Lips.

## P S A L M CXLI.

Written by David in his Troubles under Saul—  
He begs God's Grace, that he may not, by any  
intemperate Word, give his Adversaries Advan-  
tage against him.

## N O T E S.

Verse 2d. *Be an Evening Sacrifice*, as acceptable as the  
Fumes which arise from the Sacrifices at Jerusalem.

Verse 6th. *Precious Balm*, fraternal Corrections—*break  
my Head*, be too severe—*Yea*, as for mine Enemies, &c.

Verse 7th. *Overhrown in stony Places*, be thrown head-  
long from a Rock.

Verse 8th. *Our Bones*, our Friends are unmercifully  
destroyed, and lie scattered about like Chips around a  
Tree which is cutting down.

## P S A L M CXLII.

A Prayer by David when he was in the Cave—the  
Keilites informed him, Saul then pursued him in  
the Wilderness of Engedi, where being hid in a  
Cave, Saul came in accidentally, when David  
cut off the Skirt of his Garment. 1st Sam. c.  
24th.

## N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *My Path*. What lonesome and by-ways I  
was forced to take for my Security.

Verse 4th. *On my right Hand*, for my Companions,  
who used to attend me on my right Hand.

Verse 5th. *No Place*, all being strictly watched by  
Saul's Troops.

Verse 9th. *Bring my Soul out of Prison*, free me from  
my exiled State, and this dark Cave.

P S A L M CXLIII.

By David, during the Rebellion of his Son Absalom.

N O T E S.

Verse 3d. *The Enemy*, my Son—*laid me in Darknefs*, forced me to hide myself.

Verse 4th. *Desolate*, disconsolate.

Verse 6th. *As a thirsty land* does for Rain.

Verse 7th. *Like unto*, as lost and undone as.

Verse 11th. *Quicken*, refresh and revive me—*Righteousness Sake*, sake of thy Promise.

P S A L M CXLIV.

This seems to refer to some of David's Victories over the Philistines at the beginning of his Reign.

N O T E S.

Verse 7th. *Great Waters*, most imminent Dangers—*strange*, idolatrous.

Verse 12th. *As beautiful* as.

Verse 13th. *Garners*, Granaries.

Verse 14th. *Decay*, Desolation.

P S A L M CXLV.

The Title is David's "Psalm of Praise," the only Psalm in the Book with this Title. It is not manifest on what Occasion this was written.

N O T E S.

Verse 11th. *Shew*, in their Hymns.

Verse 14th. *That fall*, that are sinking.

P S A L M CXLVI.

These five last Psalms are called the Hallelujahs, because they begin and end with that Word—this contains a celebration of God's Praises; particularly for his inviolably maintaining the Promises which he had made to his People.

N O T E S.

Verse 7th. *The Lord looseth*, &c. he redeems the poor captive Slave from the Hand of the Tyrant, and restores the Light of the Sun, to them who are shut up in a dark Dungeon; but more graciously and especially, he restores us from the Bondage of Sin, unto the freedom of Righteousness; he maketh his Gospel to shine upon us, and clears away the Mist of intellectual Darknefs.

P S A L M



P S A L M CXLVII.

An excellent Hymn in Honour of God, drawn from the several particulars of the Manifestation of his Goodness.

N O T E S.

Verse 2d. *Outcasts*, scattered Tribes.

Verse 10th. *He hath no Pleasure*, &c. He giveth not Victory by means of the strength of the Cavalry or Infantry.

Verse 14th. *Thy Border*, thy Country.

Verse 15th. *His Word runneth very swiftly*, Commands are instantly executed.—“Let there be Light, and there was Light.”

Verse 17th. *Ice-like Morfels*, Knobs of Hail.

Verse 18th. *His Wind*, the South-Wind.

P S A L M CXLVIII.

Composed upon some joyful Occasion—probably on the Close of the Captivity, when the Edict was come out for their Restoration.

N O T E S.

Verse 1st. *In the Height*, with the highest degree of Exaltation.

Verse 2d. *All his Host*, all Ranks and Orders.

Verse 4th. *Waters above the Heavens*, watery Meteors in the Regions of the Air.

Verse 7th. *Dragons*, great Fishes.

P S A L M

P S A L M CXLIX.

On some great Exploits done by the Jews;

N O T E S.

Verse 5th. *In their Beds*, in Ease and Security.

Verse 6th. *Let the Praises of God*, while they are singing victorious Hymns to the Honor of God, let them carry their Swords in their Hand, that they may never be unprepared for the Enemy.

Verse 7th. *The People*, their Enemies.

Verse 9th. *As it is written*, as Moses commanded. Deut. ch. 20, v. 17.

P S A L M CL.

A Song after some Victory.

N O T E S.

Verse 1st. *Firmament*, Extent of.

F I N I S.

